Opening of Taxation Appeal Office at Aurangabad

2635. DR. BAPU KALDATE; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tax Practitioners Association Aurangabad and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Aurgangabad branch have been requesting for opening of a city (Appeal) office at Aurangabad to accelerate the process of disposing the taxation cases and in larger interest of the assessees;

(b) if so, since when the question of opening a city (Appeal) Office at Aurangabad (Maharashtra) is pending with the Ministry; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay in taking a decision on the issue and what is the present position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) Representation from the Institute of Chartered Accounts of India, Western India Regional Council Aurgangabad Branch was received in January, 1993 for establishing office of Commissioner of Income-tax (Appeals) at Aurgangabad. The representation was replied on 26.4.1993 stating that the present arrangement of jurisdiction of Aurangabad appeals resting with the commissioner of Income-tax (Appeals) Kolhapur should continue.

It is not presently proposed to establish an office of Commissioner of Income-tax (Appeals) at Aurangabad. However, the concerned Commissioner of Income-tax (Appeals) has been advised to invariably camp at Aurangabad for disposing the appeals of Tax payers.

Long leave by chairmen of rural banks

2636. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman of Sultanpur Grameen Bank, Tulshi Grameen Bank, Uttarbanga Kshetriya Grameen Bank, Bhilwara-Ajmer Kshetriya Grameen Bank, Pratapgarh Grameen Bank were on long leave during 1993;

(b) if so, for how many days Chairman of the above Banks were available at Head Office of the Banks; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government for such long absence of the Chairmen in different banks with or without leave?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (c) As per available information, the Chairmen of 5 Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) were on long leave during 1993 on ill health|sickness grounds. The names of RRBs and period for which their Chairmen were available during the year 1993 is given below:

Name of Regional Rural Bank	Period forwhich Chairman were available during 1993
1. Sultanpur Kshetriya Gramin Bank	More than 5 months
2. Pratapgarh Kshetriya Gramin Bank	About 7 months
3. Bhilwara-Ajmer/Kshetriya Gramin Bank;	Nil
4. Tulsi Gramin Bank	About 9 months
5. Uttarbanga Kshetriya Gramin Bank	About 11 months

(£Chairman of Bhilwara-Ajmer Kshetriya Gramin Bank was on leave since 10-9-92, till 12-8-93, when he took voluntary retirement)